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New leads claimed in JFK murder

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Saying the Warren Commission report on President Kennedy's assassination is about to collapse, Sen. Richard S. Schweiker disclosed Wednesday that his subcommittee on intelligence is looking into three separate conspiracy theories.

Schweiker, R-Pa., told a press conference here that the subcommittee has developed "very significant leads" about the murder and wants to investigate these possibilities:

—That Kennedy was killed through a communist plot originating in Cuba or the Soviet Union.

—That the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination was the result of a right-wing conspiracy in the United States.

—That anti-Castro Cubans, angry over diminishing Kennedy administration support, planned the murder.

The Warren Commission report concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing the President in Dallas. Oswald was killed two days after the assassination by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby, who later died in jail.

"I think the Warren Commission report is like a house of cards. It's going to collapse," said Schweiker. He and Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., co-chair a subcommittee looking into the the effectiveness of the intelligence agencies which worked with the Warren Commission.

He said the subcommittee "has uncovered a number of things that I feel deserve further investigation and remedial legislation."

Schweiker noted that after the CIA "used the Mafia to put a $100,000 hit job on Castro," the Cuban dictator reportedly threatened retaliation.

Also, Schweiker said, the FBI destroyed documents relating to Oswald after Kennedy's death, and as early as 1960, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover wrote a memo referring to the existence of another individual posing as Oswald.

"We now know Jack Ruby was an FBI informer," he added.

Schwekier said he did not lean toward any particular conspiracy theory.

"The only thing I'm certain about is that we don't know the truth about the Kennedy assassination," Schweiker said.

He said the committee's final report is not due until March 1, but he doubted it would make that deadline. A preliminary report on political asssassinations could be released within the next several weeks.

Public hearings on the matter may be scheduled by the full Senate intelligence committee, however.